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LIVESTOCK PRICES FALL

The ***Index of Prices Received*** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during July was 119 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 7 points (6 percent) from June and down 10 points (8 percent) from July 2004.

The **All Livestock Index** was down 4 points (3 percent) from June and down 16 points (11 percent) from July 2004. All livestock prices were lower than in June. Prices for cows, steers and heifers, and sheep were lower than last year at this time, while lamb prices were higher and calf prices were unchanged. Cow prices averaged $1.80 below the previous month and $1.50 below July 2004. Steer and heifer prices were $2.00 below June and $8.00 below last year's price. Calf prices averaged $1.00 below last month but unchanged from July 2004. Sheep prices were $1.10 below last month and $4.90 below July 2004. Lamb prices were $7.00 below last month's record price but $18.00 higher than a year ago.

The **All Crops Index** was down 11 points (10 percent) from June but up 1 point (1 percent) from last year. Prices were higher than last month for corn and all wheat. Prices for dry beans, alfalfa hay, and other hay were unchanged from June while oats and feed barley were lower. Dry beans, alfalfa hay and other hay prices were higher in July compared with July 2004 while all other crops were lower. Corn was up 6 cents from June but down 45 cents from July 2004. Feed barley was down 10 cents from June and 27 cents from last year. Wheat was up 1 cent from June but down 4 cents from July a year ago. Dry beans were unchanged from June but $7.20 higher than last year. Alfalfa hay and other hay were both unchanged from June but were $3.00 and $2.00 higher than July 2004.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 119, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (1 percent) from June. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, cattle, grapes, and broccoli. Higher prices were received for corn, asparagus, eggs, and milk.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, and asparagus.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points (4 percent) from July 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, decreased 1 point (1 percent) from last month and declined 6 points (5 percent) from July 2004.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, JULY 2004, JUNE 2005, AND JULY 15, 2005
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		JULY 2004	JUNE 2005	JULY 15 2005	JULY 2004	JUNE 2005	JULY 15 2005	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	59.50	59.80	58.00	56.30	57.00	55.60	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	116.00	110.00	108.00	91.40	91.90	89.60	—
Calves	100#	138.00	139.00	138.00	130.00	138.00	133.00	54
Sheep	100#	40.90	37.10	36.00	37.10	40.90	1/	—
Lambs	100#	107.00	132.00	125.00	101.00	114.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.75	2.24	2.30	2.51	2.03	2.15	31
Oats	Bu.	1.70	1.55	1.50	1.36	1.91	1.63	39
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.92	1.75	1.65	2.21	2.07	1.80	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.29	3.24	3.25	3.37	3.23	3.25	31
Dry Beans	100#	18.30	25.50	25.50	19.20	27.50	24.40	46
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	70.00	73.00	73.00	98.40	112.00	109.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	65.00	67.00	67.00	70.90	73.60	75.90	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	JULY 2004	JUNE 2005	JULY 15 2005	JULY 2004	JUNE 2005	JULY 15 2005
All Commodities	129	126	119	124	120	119
All Crops	96	108	97	120	122	119
All Livestock and Products	145	133	129	128	118	118

WYOMING DRY BEAN AVERAGE YIELD FORECAST AT RECORD HIGH

Average yields per acre in Wyoming are expected to be higher than last year for dry beans and other hay but lower for sugarbeets and alfalfa hay. Dry bean yields would be the highest on record. The survey was done around August 1.

Barley production in Wyoming is forecast at 5.98 million bushels. This would be down 13 percent from last year's crop and 14 percent below 2003. The expected area for harvest, at 65,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from 2004, while the expected yield of 92 bushels per acre is unchanged from 2004.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast to reach 1.51 million tons in 2005, up 20 percent from last year's crop but still down 7 percent from the 2003 crop. Yields are expected to average 2.6 tons per acre, 0.2 ton below last year's record but 0.1 ton above 2003. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 580,000 acres, up 29 percent from last year when very little dryland alfalfa was harvested. Production of **all other hay**, at 855,000 tons, is expected to be 13 percent above last year. Acreage expected to be cut is up 6 percent and the largest since 1999. Average yield, at 1.5 tons per acre, is up 0.1 ton per acre from 2004 and 2003.

The August 1 forecast for **sugarbeet** production in Wyoming, at 765,000 tons, is 6 percent below last year's crop but 2 percent above 2003. Harvested acreage is expected to total 35,600 acres, unchanged from last year, but 1,900 acres more than 2003. Yield per acre is forecast at 21.5 tons per acre, down 1.3 tons from 2004.

Dry bean production in 2005 is expected to jump 40 percent from 2004 and increase18 percent from 2003. Acreage for harvest is up 9,000 acres to 33,000, the largest since 2000. Yield is expected to average 2,300 pounds per acre, 50 pounds per acre more than last year and, if realized, a new record high. The previous record was 2,260 pounds set in 1997. Of the 34,000 acres of **dry beans** planted, 29,500 acres are pinto beans, compared with 22,000 acres in 2004.

UNITED STATES: The final **winter wheat** production forecast is 1.52 billion bushels. This is down slightly from last month but 1 percent above 2004. Area harvested for grain totals 34.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 1 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month. **Barley** production for 2005 is forecast at 237 million bushels, down 3 percent from the July forecast and 15 percent below 2004. Based on August 1 conditions, producers expect to harvest an average of 68.2 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from July and down 1.2 bushels from last year.

Corn production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year but 3 percent above 2003.
Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 139.2 bushels per acre, down 21.2 bushels
from the record high last year. Area for harvest is up 1 percent from 2004.

U.S. **dry edible bean** production is forecast at 25.8 million hundredweight in 2005, up 45 percent from last year and 15 percent above 2 years ago. Production is expected to be above last year in 16 of the 17 producing States. Average yields per acre are expected to be up 16 percent and acreage for harvest up 26 percent.

Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures production is forecast at 73.8 million tons, down 2 percent from last year. **Other Hay** production is forecast at 76.1 million tons, down 8 percent from 2004. **Sugarbeet** production for 2005 is forecast to be 26.6 million tons. If realized, this would be 11 percent below last year's production, as acreage and average yields are both lower.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2004; ACREAGE AND AUGUST 1 FORECASTS 2005

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2004	2005	2004	August 2005	2004	August 2005	2004	August 2005	05/04 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	90	80	51	45	131	2/	6,681	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	150	160	135	140	26	3/	3,510	3/	
Spring Wheat (bu)	10	10	6	5	40	3/	240	3/	
Oats (bu)	50	60	15	20	53	3/	795	3/	
Barley (bu)	90	80	75	65	92	92	6,900	5,980	87%
Sugarbeets (tons)	36.4	37.0	35.6	35.6	22.8	21.5	812	765	94%
Dry Beans (cwt)	25.0	34.0	24.0	33.	22.50	23.00	541	759	140%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	450	580	2.80	2.60	1,260	1,508	120%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	540	570	1.40	1.50	756	855	113%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	990	1,150	2.04	2.05	2,016	2,363	117%
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80,930	81,592	73,632	74,368	160.4	139.2	11,807,217	10,349,841	88%
Winter Wheat (bu)	43,350	41,408	34,462	34,271	43.5	44.4	1,499,434	1,520,848	101%
Spring Wheat (bu)	13,763	14,099	13,174	13,637	43.2	40.6	568,918	553,375	97%
Oats (bu)	4,085	4,342	1,792	1,976	64.7	64.7	115,935	127,819	110%
Barley (bu)	4,527	3,970	4,021	3,471	69.4	68.2	279,253	236,729	85%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,247.8	22.9	21.3	29,956	26,639	89%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,354.3	1,668.8	1,219.3	1,530.8	14.60	16.87	17,799	25,829	145%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—		21,707	22,118	3.47	3.34	75,383	73,849	97%
Other Hay (tons)	—		40,209	39,605	2.05	1.92	82,391	76,068	92%
All Hay (tons)	—		61,916	61,723	2.55	2.45	157,774	149,917	95%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.
2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 2006.
3/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released September 30, 2005.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on July 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2004 and 5 percent above July 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.81 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.53 million head, down 5 percent from 2004.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.77 million, 7 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.71 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 412,000, 600-699 pounds were 347,000, 700-799 pounds were 480,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.07 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 7 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during June, 10 percent below 2004 but 3 percent above 2003.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2004-2005 1/

State	On Feed June 1, 2005	Placements June 2005	Marketings June 2005	Other Disapp. June 2005	On Feed July 1, 2005	On Feed July 1, 2004
	Thousand Head					
CO	970	130	180	10	910	940
KS	2,280	400	465	15	2,200	2,090
NE	2,050	290	510	10	1,820	1,850
TX	2,890	550	480	10	2,950	2,760
Oth Sts.	2,579	399	438	18	2,522	2,492
U.S.	10,769	1,769	2,073	63	10,402	10,132

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
* Revised

U.S. Red Meat Production at Record High for June

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during June 2005 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 14 percent from the previous month's production but down 9 percent from June 2004. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Six hundred ***cattle*** were slaughtered in June, down 100 head from last year. Total live weight was 803,000 pounds, down 9 percent from June 2004. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,241 pounds, up 57 pounds from last year.

A total of 300 ***hogs*** and ***pigs*** were processed, unchanged from last June. Total live weight, at 79,000 pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2004. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 262 pounds, down 9 pounds from last year.

One hundred ***sheep*** and ***lambs*** were processed in June, unchanged from June 2004. Live weight totaled 15,000 pounds, down 17 percent from last June. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 150 pounds, up 10 pounds from a year earlier.

January to June 2005 ***commercial red meat production*** totaled 3.2 million pounds, up 10 percent from the same period in 2004.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in June 2004.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 2 percent from June 2004. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,246 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above June 2004. The average live weight at 268 pounds was 4 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 222,900 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 4 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2005 commercial red meat production was 22.2 billion pounds, down slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2004 AND 2005, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	June 2004	June 2005	June 2004	June 2005	% 05/04	June 2004	June 2005	June 2004	June 2005	% 05/04
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	700	600	881	803	91	2,994,100	2,936,800	3,667,843	3,657,843	100
Hogs	300	300	80	79	99	8,505,400	8,553,600	2,246,201	2,295,652	102
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	18	15	83	231,600	222,900	31,090	30,667	99

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REGIONAL LAMB CROP UP 2 PERCENT; TOTAL INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

The 2005 lamb crop for Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming is expected to total 1.29 million head, up 2 percent from the 2004 lamb crop. This region accounted for 31 percent of the national total lamb crop of 4.12 million head.

The survey conducted in early July also indicated that operators in the five States owned 2.65 million **sheep and lambs** on July 1, up 2 percent from last year's 2.60 million sheep and lambs. The number of **breeding sheep and lambs** was 1.46 million head, up 2 percent from last year, and the number of **market sheep and lambs** totaled 1.19 million head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Of the total breeding sheep in the five States, **ewes 1 year and older** totaled 1.22 million head, up 1 percent from July 1, 2004; **rams 1 year and older** totaled 40,000 head, unchanged from a year ago; and **replacement lambs** totaled 200,000 head, up 11 percent from 2004.

Of the 1.19 million market sheep and lambs in the Region, 20,000 were **market sheep**, unchanged from last year, and 1.17 million were **market lambs,** up 2 percent.

UNITED STATES: **The 2005 lamb crop** in the United States is expected to total 4.12 million head, up 1 percent from the 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2005 totaled 3.65 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2005. This is the first increase in the U.S. lamb crop since 1989

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2005, totaled 7.80 million head, 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory, at 4.66 million head on July 1, 2005, was 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent above last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.79 million ewes one year old and older, up 1 percent, 185,000 rams one year old and older, up 3 percent, and 680,000 replacement lambs, up 10 percent. **Market lamb** inventory at 3.06 million head was up 1 percent. Market sheep inventory was 90,000, up 20 percent.

ALL SHEEP & LAMBS, JULY 1, MOUNTAIN REGION AND U.S.

Class	2003	2004	2005	% 2005/2004
		1,000 Head		
Mountain Region 1/				
All Sheep & Lambs	2,610	2,600	2,650	102%
Market Sheep & Lambs	1,190	1,170	1,190	102%
Market Sheep	15	20	20	100%
Market Lambs	1,175	1,150	1,170	102%
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	1,420	1,430	1,460	102%
Ewes 1 Yr & Over	1,210	1,210	1,220	101%
Rams 1 Yr & Over	40	40	40	100%
Replacement Lambs	170	180	200	111%
Lamb Crop	***1,310***	***1,270***	***1,290***	***102%***
United States				
All Sheep & Lambs	7,800	7,650	7,800	102%
Market Sheep & Lambs	3,190	3,105	3,145	101%
Market Sheep	60	75	90	120%
Market Lambs	3,130	3,030	3,055	101%
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	4,610	4,545	4,655	102%
Ewes 1 Yr & Over	3,825	3,745	3,790	101%
Rams 1 Yr & Over	185	180	185	103%
Replacement Lambs	600	620	680	110%
Lamb Crop	***4,140***	***4,096***	***4,120***	***101%***

1/CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY

JULY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All ***cattle and calves*** in the United States as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago. Estimates for Wyoming are not made at this time but, as previously reported, January 1 cattle inventory in Wyoming totaled 1.35 million head, down 4 percent from the previous year, but up 2 percent from 2 years ago.

For the U.S., all ***cows and heifers that have calved***, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004 and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago. ***Beef cows***, at 33.8 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 and up slightly from two years ago. ***Milk cows***, at 9.05 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 but down 1 percent from two years ago. **Beef replacement heifers** totaled 5.0 million head on July 1, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

CALF CROP UP SLIGHTLY

The **2005 U.S. calf crop** is expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from 37.6 million in 2004 but down slightly from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 1 percent from 2003.

CATTLE & CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, JULY 1, UNITED STATES

	2003	2004	2005	% 2005/2004
		1,000 Head		
Cattle and Calves	103,900	103,600	104,500	101%
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved:	42,700	42,500	42,800	101%
Beef Cows	33,600	33,500	33,750	101%
Milk Cows	9,100	9,000	9,050	101%
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	15,900	15,950	16,200	102%
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,800	5,000	104%
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,600	3,700	103%
Other Heifers	7,700	7,550	7,500	99%
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,200	14,200	14,400	101%
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,050	2,100	102%
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,000	28,900	29,000	100%
Calf Crop	***37,903***	***37,625***	***37,800***	***100%***